Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Do our Government hold examinations?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): Examinations are conducted at the very outset here.

FIELD STAFF—POLICE DEPARTMENT.

52. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of hands employed in the field service of the Police Department classified under the following heads of educational qualifications :—

(*a*) Graduates and above;

(*b*) Those who have undergone Collegiate Education but have not taken the B. A. Degree;

(*c*) S. S. L. C. or Matriculate hands;

(*d*) Third Form and above, but below School Final;

(*e*) Fourth class and above, but below Third Form;

(*f*) Illiterates, if any?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) 16.
(*b*) 20.
(*c*) 71.
(*d*) 76.
(*e*) 239.
(*f*) 10.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is there any necessity for retaining people who are illiterates?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): They were appointed years ago and they could not be sent away. They could be sent away in the ordinary course.

53. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is any educational qualification fixed for recruitment to the field service of the Police Department;

(*b*) if the answer to question (*a*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to fix a qualification at not less than the School Final standard;

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(*c*) if the answer to question (*a*) is in the affirmative and the qualification fixed is anywhere below S. S. L. C. Examination, will the Government be pleased to raise it to the S. S. L. C. standard?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*). Only in the case of constables, the standard fixed is below S. S. L. C. It is not necessary to raise it.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Whether the literary qualification fixed for the recruitment of the Field Staff of the Police Department will not improve the quality of the Police Force? Have they not fixed any qualifications?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): Qualification has been fixed.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): What is the qualification required for a police constable?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): He is to be physically fit and literate.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): How is it that the Government happen to appoint illiterates?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): That was years ago.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): What is the standard of literacy referred to by you?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): One must be able to read and write and understand catechism.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): How many recruits are there with literary qualifications?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): Recently I made a selection and out of 20 candidates selected 16 were S. S. L. Cs. The remaining 4 were from Depressed Classes and had no qualifications.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): I hope I can take it that it will be the policy of the Government.

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): If suitable candidates are found, they will be entertained.

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